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SUBJECT: POLISH CROP OUTLOOK

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POLISH HARVEST, DELAYED BY RAINS, IS NOW UNDER WAY IN MOST PARTS OF THE COUNTRY. THE DELAYS CAUSED BY HEAVY RAINS HAVE PRODUCED EXCEPTIONAL DEMANDS, SINCE ALL GRAIN VARIETIES WILL NOW RIPEN ALMOST SIMULTANEOUSLY. GRAIN CROPS ARE HEAVILY LODGED AND INFESTED WITH WEEDS, AND QUALITY IS EXPECTED TO BE WORSE THAN IN 1973. RAPE IS ALSO HEAVILY LODGED AND STILL UNHARVESTED. RAINS HAVE DELAYED HAYING THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY AND HAVE FORCED DELAYS IN SOWING WINTER GRAINS AND RAPE. CORN TO WHICH 300,000 HECTARES WERE SOWN, APPEARS A COMPLETE FAILURE DUE TO COLD AND RAIN IN JUNE AND JULY. MOISTURE, ESPECIALLY IN THE NORTH, APPEARS TO BE DAMAGING THE POTATO CROP AS WELL, ALTHOUGH WE CANNOT NOW ESTIMATE THE

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EXTENT OF THE DAMAGE. ALTHOUGH NO GOVERNMENT CROP

ESTIMATES HAVE YET BEEN PUBLISHED, IT SEEMS LIKELY THAT
FEED GRAINS AND HAY FOR FODDER WILL NOT MEET EXPECTATIONS.
GIVEN THE GROWTH IN THE LIVESTOCK POPULATION, IT APPEARS
THAT IMPORT REQUIREMENTS WILL AT LEAST EQUAL AND PERHAPS
SURPASS LAST YEAR'S LEVELS.

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